

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph entitled *Cross-Reference to Related Applications and Claim for Priority* with the following paragraph:

**Cross-Reference to Related Applications and Claim for Priority**

This application is a continuation-in-part application of co-pending Application Serial No. 09/772,395, filed January 30, 2001, now United States Patent No. 6,416,622, which in turn was based upon Provisional Application Serial No. 60/180,348, filed February 4, 2000. The priority of the foregoing applications, both entitled "Hybrid Multistage Forward Cleaner System With Flotation Cell", is hereby claimed.